Demand for more funds for rural development

2355. SHRIMATI ABMIKA SONI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether during the meeting of Chief Ministers with Prime Minister, number of CMs have demanded more funds for rural development from Centre;

(b) whether North Eastern States demanded revision of funding pattern for Centrally sponsored rural development schemes;

(c) if so, by what time final decision for providing funds to rural development will be taken; and

(d) what is the total allotment of funds made in the present budget for rural development?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The North Eastern States have been demanding the revision of present funding pattern of Centrally sponsored schemes of rural development from 75:25 to 90:10. A definite time-frame cannot be indicated . for a decision as it involves several Ministries and stages.

(d) The proposed total allocation of funds for the rural development schemes is Rs. 15998.40 crore during the current financial year *i.e.* 2004-05.

Conversion of barren land into agriculture land

†2356. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the period since when Government plans to convert the barren land into agriculture land has been implemented;

(b) the State-wise details of the last three years with regard to extent of success achieved and amount spent so far in this regard;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) whether the area of barren land is increasing day by day;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps being taken by Government to check the expansion of barren iand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A. NARENDRA): (a) and (b) The Department of Land Resources (DoLR) is mandated with the task of developing wastelands and degraded lands, aimed at checking land degradation, putting such lands into productive use, increasing the availability of bio-mass especially fuel wood and fodder, and preventing further degradation. Towards this end Integrated Wastelands Development Programme (IWDP) is being implemented by the Department from 1.4.1995 on watershed basis for the development of waste lands/degraded lands. Impact assessment studies carried out in completed projects have revealed that overall productivity of land has increased, water table has gone up and there has been a significant positive impact on overall economic development of the inhabitants of the project areas. These studies also indicate that green vegetative cover, irrigation, crop yield etc. have improved in these areas. State-wise funds released for the past three years under IWDP is given in the enclosed Statement-I *(See* below)

(c) to (e) The area of barren land does not increase much as it consists of rocks/ boulders/sheet rocks on the surface. However, wasteland area may increase due to natural causes such as excessive rains, floods, landslides, avalanches, wind, cyclones etc. and human activities such as mining, industrial effluent discharge, excessive earth cutting for roads, canals etc., denudation by shifting cultivation, deforestation, etc. The main Area Development Programmes and schemes of the Central Government for the treatment of waste lands/degraded lands having components to develop/reclaim such lands are given in the enclosed Statement-II.

Statement-I

State-wise release of funds under IWDP during the period 2001-02 to 2003-2004
(As on 31.3.2004;

SI. No.	Name of the State	Project Area (in ha)	Project Cost (Rs. in lakhs)	Funds Released during the year			Total releases (Rs. in lakhs)
				2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1.	Andhra Pradesh	130785	72711.00	1319.89	1395.33	3444.82	6160.04
2.	Bihar	53000	24780.00	66.00	66.00	371.25	503.25
3.	Chhattisgarh	82436	34476.96	295.91	549.54	1197.26	2042.71
4.	Goa	1000	1200.00			82.50	82.50
5.	Gujarat	95220	51529.20	1132.29	1494.42	1733.56	4360.27
6.	Haryana	41740	8713.20	214.43	206.27	388.55	809.25
7.	Himachal Pradesh	90110	40426.20	1035.98	1500.73	1349.51	3886.22
8.	Jammu and Kashmir	35567	7636.08	321.07	220.86	241.96	783.89
9.	Jharkhand	39037	12242.22	77.65	41.77	272.25	391.67
10.	Kamataka	106678	51197.28	793.78	1394.38	2319.84	4508.00
11.	Kerala	15000	2700.00	120.64	96.20	314.75	531.59
12.	Maharashtra	72275	30846.00	746.58	705.08	949.41	2401.07
13.	Madhya Pradesh	155704.47	120437.80	2206.09	3089.13	2866.22	8161.44
14.	Orissa	96555	47579.70	822.55	885.06	1940.11	3647.72
15.	Punjab	14181	2552.58	186.61		50.66	237.27

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
16.	Rajasthan	87362	42092.04	1040.72	772.06	2097.32	3910.10
17.	Tamil Nadu	78343	41902.32	743.00	837.95	1993.50	3574.45
18.	Uttar Pradesh	105546	67729.32	1223.35	1657.04	1974.33	4854.72
19.	Uttaranchal	70814	19965.48	305.30	335.90	364.30	1005.50
20.	West Bengal	15460	1527.60	45.00		82.50	127,50
	TOTAL-	1395813	682244.98	12696.84	15247.72	24034.60	51979.16
			(NORTH-EASTERN STATES)				
1.	Arunachal Pradesh	94471	45700.08	85.85	458.54	351.89	896.28
2.	Assam	232653	186881.40	1619.93	1440.19	1729.91	4790.03
3.	Manipur	82500	25500.00	327.99	642.18	313.25	1283.42
4.	Meghalaya	28000	11760.00	53.37	23.68	443.65	520.70
5.	Mizoram	118595	35578.50	481.91	1156.16	612.44	2250.51
6.	Nagaland	138280	48354.00	1162.69	1740.56	1868.31	4771.56
7.	Sikkim	30177	4701.24	371.88	184.12	268.98	824.98
8.	Tripura	19423	4661.52	160.23		31.61	191.84
	TOTAL OF NE	744099	363136.74	4263.85	5645.43	5620.04	15529.32
	TOTAL OF IWDP	2139912	1045381.72	16960.69	20893.15	29654.64	67508.48

Statement-II

Statement showing details of projects implemented by various Central Ministries/Departments

1. Ministry of Rural development (Department of Land Resources)

(i) Integrated Wastelands Development Programme (IWDP).

(ii) Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP).

(iii) Desert Development Programme (DDP).

(iv) Technology Development Extension and Training (TDET) Scheme.

2. Ministry of Agriculture

(i) Soil conservation for enhancing the productivity of degraded lands in the catchment of River Valley Project (RVPs) and Flood Prone Rivers (FPR).

(ii) (ii) Reclamation of Alkali soil (RAS).

(iii) National Watershed Development Project for Rainfed Areas (NWDPRA).

(iv) Watershed Development Projects for Shifting Cultivation Areas (WDPSCA) in North Eastern States.

3. **Ministry of Water Resources**

(i) Reclamation of Waterlogged Areas Under Command Area Development Programme (CADP).

4. **Ministry of Environment and Forests**

(i) National Afforestation Programme (NAP).

5. **Planning Commission**

(i) Western Ghat Development Programme (WGDP). (ii) Hill Area Development Programme (HADP).